[English]

International Seminar on Education

3434. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any International Seminar had been organised in Delhi during the month of July 1996 to make the school education more effective;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the suggestions made in the Seminar; and

(d) the steps taken to implement those suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An International Seminar on "School Effectiveness and Classroom Processes at Primary Stage" was organised by the National Council of Education Research and Training (NCERT) at New Delhi from 24-26 July, 1996 under the auspices of District Primary Education Programme (DPEP). International and Indian Scholars shared the outcomes of their research studies and presented papers on various aspects of classroom processes, including teacher behaviour, curriculum and other related issues.

(c) The significant suggestions include the importance of teachers' empowerment and encouragement of teachers to undertake action research for identification of problems related to classroom processes with particular focus on the needs of disadvantaged grpups, in service training to teachers, grant of incentives to teachers, strengthening of interface amongst schools, community and educational planners, synergy between the teachers, policy planners/ administrators and researchers, professional development of teachers, and their greater participation for achieving the goal of universalisation of elementary education.

(d) The participants including educationists, researchers, policy makers have been sensitized to make use of the suggestions. The presentations and recommendations made during the seminar have been documented for vide circulation to enable the educational researchers, practising teachers, programme managers and policy planners etc., to tormulate action points and suitable interventions to bring about appropriate solution to the varous problems.

[Translation]

Medical Facilities

3435. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :
SHRI G.M. KUNTURKAR :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Dakhila Nahin Milane se Gambhir Marij Khule Main Ratain Katne Ko Majboor' appearing in 'Jansatta' dated December 24, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether the Government propose to make available sophisticated medical equipments and treatment in Dr. Ram Mnohar Lohia and Safdarjang Hospitals like All India Institute of Medical Sciences;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the number of such hospitals/medical colleges in the country which have medical facilities/sophisticated medical equipments equivalent to that of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi a patient, Wasim Ahmed IRCH No. No. 41006 was first diagnosed on 26.6.96 ab Hodgkin's Disease. The patient was given Chemotherapy. The patient relapsed in December, 1996 but due to non-availability of bed, the patient could be admitted only on 8.1.97. He is died the same evening from relapse of the disease and its complications.

(c) Central Government hospitals and AIIMS have been directed not to refuse admission to any patient who is in a critical state and to see that arrangements are made in another hospital before any patient is moved in a serious condition. Facilities for dharmashalas etc. exist and improvements are carried out within the resources available.

(d) and (e) Modernisation for better patient care is a continuous process. New facilities are provided in the Central Government Hospitals from time to time including purchase of sophisticated equipment like C.T. Scan, Ultrasound and strengthening of emergencies and intensive care unit.

(f) The Government have no such records.

Iodised Salt

3436. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any research or study had been undertaken by Indian Council of Medical Research regarding Iodine contents is depleted on keeping the polythene bag in sunlight;

(b) is so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantity of Iodine required for each individual every day; and

(d) the members proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?